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SUBJECT: FORMAL BRIEFING ON DHOFAR

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1. FOLLOWING UP OMAN GOVERNMENT "POLICY" OF KEEPING
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS INFORMED ON DHOFAR DEVELOPMENTS,
FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONED AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES TO MEETING
OCT. 29. AS PREVIOUSLY, TANDEM MEETINGS HELD OF ARAB
AMBASSADORS, FOLLOWED BY THE REST.

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2. AFTER A BRIEF INTRODUCTION BY FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY, DURING WHICH HE ASKED THAT DETAILS BE REPORTED BACK TO RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, BRIEFING WAS TAKEN OVER BY SAF OPERATIONS OFFICER. ESSENTIALS HAVE BEEN FULLY REPORTED IN REFTEL (B) AND OTHER EMBASSY CABLES. OPERATIONS OFFICER PLAYED UP PFLO MILITARY REACTION MORE THAN CSAF DID IN OCT. 28 CONVERSATION. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT AS OF OCT. 28 SAF HAD CAPTURED A POINT OVERLOOKING WADI SEIK BETWEEN DAMAVAND AND SARFAIT LINES.

3. SAF WILL NOW PROCEED TO CONSOLIDATE SARFAIT LINE WITH MINE WIRE BARRIER INVOLVED. ROUTE TO NORTH OF PRESENT POSITIONS IS DIFFICULT, EXPOSED, AND ESSENTIALLY DEVOID OF WATER; HENCE SAF ANTICIPATES THAT ROUTE MORE APT TO BE USED FOR EXFILTRATION THAN FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, OPS OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTIVITY INLAND AROUND MAKINAT SHAHIN THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT PDRY MIGHT BE CONSIDERING THAT AREA AS ALTERNATE PENETRATION ROUTE.

4. PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING STATEMENT AT BRIEFING WAS OPS OFFICER'S BLUNT ASSERTION THAT "ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY" IN AREA BETWEEN PDRY/OMAN BORDER AND AL-GHAIDAH WOULD BE CONSIDERED INHERENTLY HOSTILE AND, HENCE, SUBJECT TO SAF RETALIATION.

5. IN DISCUSSION AFTER BRIEFING, UNDER SECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATION EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE AND BE EFFECTIVE. HE ALSO APPEALED FOR ALL WHO HAVE RELATIONS WITH PDRY TO APPROACH THAT GOVERNMENT BOTH TO ASSURE ADEN REGIME THAT OMANGOV HAS NO INTENTION OF TOPPLING IT AND TO ADVISE PDRY GOVERNMENT TO DESIST FROM SUPPORTING PFLO REBELS.

6. IN SEPARATE ITEM OF INTEREST, DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICER REPORTED THAT WITHIN LAST WEEK 17-YEAR-OLD PDRY MILITIAMAN HAS SURRENDERED TO OMANIS. HE IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN MUSCAT, AND OMANGOV PLANS TO MAKE KNOWN HIS IDENTITY AT AN EARLY DATE.

7. FINALLY, DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN COPY OF SECRET DOCUMENT CHRONOLOGIZING PDRY INTERFERENCE IN OMANI EVENTS. THIS IS DETAILED RECOUNTING OF WHAT ALREADY HAS BEEN RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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